GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of the major agricultural commodities during 2001-2002 in comparison to last two years has fallen substantially against the target fixed;

(b) if so, the details of agricultural commodities exported, in terms of quantum and value during the above period against the target, year - wise;

(c) whether any study or analysis has been made regarding this steep fall;

(d) if so, the finding thereof;

(e) the steps being taken to boost agricultural commodities export in the near future;

(f) whether the Government have set up a monitoring group to go in depth into the issue; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (g) International trade in agricultural commodities depends on various domestic and international factors. Projections of performance are made based on past trends which are in the nature of estimates. The agricultural exports (excluding marine, tea, coffee, cotton and castor oil) during the last 3 years are as given below:

Year	Value (Rs. crores)
1999-2000	14812.61
2000-2001	16713.48
2001-2002(April-Jan.)(P)	14407.54
2000-2001(April-Jan.)(P)	12953.38

(p) : provisional
Source : DGCI&S

Quantity-wise and product-wise details of exports are given in monthly/annual number of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, copies of which are available in Parliamen Library.

Exports of agricultural products is continually reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Government through its agencies. The Government provides a variety of incentives in the form of financial and other assistance through its agencies such as Commodity Boards, Authorities etc. for promotion of agricultural exports.